

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending. Please cancel withdrawn non-elected claims 3-7 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue non-elected or cancelled subject matter in a timely filed divisional application.

Applicants acknowledge that claims 1 and 2 are allowable by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully request rejoinder and reconsideration of withdrawn process claims 8-12 pursuant to MPEP 821.04. These claims as presented herewith depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the patentable product of claim 1.

The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to Office Action (September 28, 2004) page 3, ¶5, which states that "Claim 1 is allowed. As stated above, Claim 12 if amended to be dependent upon 1, would be rejoined and allowable over the prior art." Applicants have amended base claims 8 and 12 to depend from allowed claim 1 or 2. No new matter is introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and rejoinder is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 3097-4007. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 3097-4007. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,

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